

Sacred Heart PPC Meeting
8.00pm Thursday 1 September 2022
Minutes

Attendees:

Canon John
Father Joe
Deacon Julian Burling
Sr Dorothy
Eleanor Bowman (Youth Minister)
Maria Christopher
Siobhan Heffron
Jude Mariadoss
Rachel Purvis
Chris Woodward (for the Finance Committee)

Apologies:

Father Matthew
Teresa Engleby
Annette Campbell-Black
Ruth Naylor
Anne Waldron (Chair)

1.0 Welcome and apologies

- Apologies from Fr Matthew, Teresa Engleby, Annette Campbell-Black, Ruth Naylor and Anne Waldron.
- The meeting was chaired by David Hurst.

2.0 Minutes of July meeting

- Rachel apologised that due to technical error, the PPC minutes for July were not available in full.

3.0 Update from Canon John

- No updates from Canon John.
- Please note Canon John will be away for the next PPC meeting in October.

4.0 Synod/5 November meeting

- Maria Christopher was asked at the PPC meeting in July to invite the Agency For Evangelisation to facilitate a post-synod Parish Meeting regarding next steps.
- Dr Mark Nash from the Agency has agreed to come for a meeting on 5 November 2022. The Upper Hall is booked from 10am.
- ACTION - Rachel, Maria and Eleanor volunteered to form a planning group (including Ruth) and to report to PPC at the next meeting. It was decided to invite the attendees of the Synod listening meeting and to send notice to all via newsletter (three weeks prior to 5 November).
- ACTION - Text for the invitation and agenda for the meeting to be presented to PPC at the Next Meeting by the planning group.

5.0 Be Well Hub

- Eleanor attended a Merton Citizens meeting in August and explained that Merton Citizens, churches and centres are working together to set up Well Being Hubs to look at three priority areas.
- Eleanor is also completing NHS First Aider and SLAM training through Merton Citizens.
- Merton Citizens aim is to have safe spaces for local people to come to. Eleanor suggested that our Parish could introduce a parent hub providing resources/information/mental health resources for parents.
- James Potter is a parishioner who is also involved and is a school lead for mental health.
- Eleanor suggested that all SHC Parish schools may be willing to engage. Wimbledon YMCA is also running something similar by residents for new residents. There are two churches in Merton looking at supporting an elderly community group.
- We discussed how the parent hub could be marketed through school newsletters. We agreed this would need a Core team of parishioners who could volunteer to help run this.
- Eleanor explained that St George's Hospital Mental Health South West London team are providing resources. Kingston Borough are also running something similar for isolated people through the Kingston Library.
- The SHC Parent hub would aim to help facilitate parents seeking help for themselves and possibly children with SEND needs.
- ACTION: Eleanor to look at recruiting volunteers to set this up.

6.0 Defibrillators

- Chris Woodward advised that following a recent event when a parishioner became unwell it was noted that the church does not have a defibrillator. Chris asked if it would be possible for us to apply for a defibrillator.
- Bridget Handley, a parishioner, has sent in some information about this and St Johns Ambulance may be able to help.
- ACTION: David Hurst volunteered to look into this.

7.0 Parish charitable initiatives

7.1 The Heart Project

- As of last week, through the Homes for Ukraine programme, three families are now living in the parish: two with private families and one family in a flat. They are having support with applying for benefits and are hoping to find employment. Father Matthew has been supporting this.

7.2 Parish renovation

- Church renovation is still dependent on the transfer of ownership of the building to the Diocese from the Jesuits. This is ongoing.

7.3 Merton Citizens

- David Hurst reported that on Thursday 25 August, after meeting the elected leader (Ross Garrod) and the deputy leader (Ellie Stringer) of the ruling Labour party, eight leaders from Merton Citizens member organisations met the London Borough of Merton Chief Executive, Hannah Doody, at the Civic Centre to present the 2002 Manifesto.
- At this milestone meeting, Merton Citizens were warmly received and referred to LBM decision makers on the four prioritised issues. We were invited to keep in contact.

- We will consult with Cllr Ellie Stringer to define the meaning of 'Borough of Sanctuary' which LBM councillors have signed up to support.
- On Monday 12 September there was a Merton Refugee Welcome Network meeting on Zoom to follow up Refugee Week events in June and to plan future strategy.

7.4 Merton Winter Night Shelter

- A new legal entity has been established to run the Winter Night Shelter: Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project, with a management group of three.
- On Thursday 28 July venue co-ordinators met to confirm venues and dates for winter 2022/23 and the funding needs of £25k to cover the co-ordinator's salary etc. Grants will be applied for.
- Other venues confirmed: Parkside Synagogue; Salvation Army; St Mary's Church; St Winefride's; Christ Church Colliers Wood; Holy Trinity; St Mark's Church; Everyday Church
- Subject to Lower Hall availability, we have been asked to host one night per week for 6 weeks: Thu 26 Jan - 9 Mar or Fri 27 Jan - 10 Mar 2023.
- Capacity is to be confirmed (it was 16 in 2019).
- Each venue is to confirm valid PLI and prepare a Risk Assessment; There is no DBS required.
- Volunteer training will be provided later this year; no recruitment needed yet.
- Venues were all requested to support the project with funds between £300-£500 according to ability to pay.

8.0 AOB

- The next meeting of the Newman Circle is on Wednesday 19 October when Bishop Paul McAleenan, the lead bishop for migration, will speak on the legality of deporting refugees.

9.0 Date of next meeting and roles

- Thursday 6 October 2022.